

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY FOR OIL EXPLORATION IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether only one geo-survey party P.G.I. is conducting survey for exploration of oil and gas in Bihar since 1986;
- (b) if so, whether ring drilling machine for this job has been shifted to Shisagar (Assam) from Western Champaran(Bihar) with the result the survey work has come to a stand still;
- (c) if so, whether the Government propose to provide ring drilling machine for conducting survey work in Bihar; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be provided?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) had acquired seismic data in Bihar from 1986 to 1997 with one departmental seismic party, GP-1. They have so far acquired 6,566 Ground Line Kilometre(GLK) of 2D seismic data and 17,595 stations of gravity magnetic data and drilled six exploratory wells in the State of Bihar. However, no encouraging result could be achieved. Hence the equipment has been deployed in other prospective areas as per inter-basinal prioritisation. Additionally, Directorate General of Hydrocarbons, under the joint venture speculative survey programme alongwith M/s Alpha Geo, carried out 2D seismic survey in 1997 & 1998 in a block VN-ON-90/5 extending in some parts of Bihar covering about 60 Line Kilometre in the State besides covering parts of Uttar Pradesh. However, under the future New Exploration Licensing Policy(NELP) rounds, after NELP-II, it is proposed to offer exploration blocks covering some parts of Bihar on receipt of concurrence to NELP from the State Government.